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For: WRAPPING MACHINE, TOP FOIL WRAPPING MACHINE AND METHOD FOR
STORING AND/OR TRANSPORTING THE WRAPPING MACHINE OR TOP FOIL
WRAPPING MACHINE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

By Official Action mailed *December 28, 2004*, restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

Group I: Claims 1-18, drawn to a wrapping machine for wrapping a plastic foil web around an object to be packaged, classified in class 53, subclass 428.

Group II: Claims 19-25, drawn to a method of storing and/or transporting a wrapping machine, classified in class 414.

In response, Applicants hereby elect *Group I*, upon which *claims 1-18* are readable.

The election was made *with traverse* because the Examiner has failed to demonstrate why the hypothetical process mentioned at the end of paragraph 2 of the Restriction Requirement can be

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regarded as a *materially* different process. In fact, the hypothetical process alleged to be materially different is deemed similar, if not identical, to the claimed process of claim 19. Applicants are, therefore, not persuaded that a proper Restriction Requirement has been set forth.

Early examination on the merits is courteously solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 07-1337 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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